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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1771
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65935

YUKIHIRO KUSANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/960,345

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 4619

Examiner: Norca Liz Torres Velazquez

Filed: September 24, 2001

For: RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006. A Petition and payment for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this Response due on or before August 10, 2006.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.